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MEXICO FOR DR. NORVAN MEYER

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF COLOMBIAN FMD PROGRAM

REF: BOGOTA 4900

1. INTERAGENCY MEETING ON FIRST REVIEW COLOMBIAN FMD PROGRAM HELD JUNE 12, CHAIRED BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SZABO, WITH PARTICIPATION REPRESENTATIVES OF AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION, AID AND STATE, TO CONSIDER RESULTS OF FMD REVIEW AND DETERMINE NEXT STEPS RE IMPLEMENTATION OF FMD PROGRAM AND HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION.

2. AGENCIES REVIEWED RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN EMBASSY TELEGRAM 4900 THAT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS ON FIRST DARIEN HIGHWAY SECTION IN COLOMBIA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AFTER NEXT FMD REVIEW, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER, 1974.

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USDA REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IF SEVERAL CRITI-

CAL PROBLEMS CAN BE OVERCOME BY THAT TIME (SEE PARA 3 BELOW) SITUATION WOULD PROBABLY BE SUFFICIENTLY FAVORABLE TO PERMIT INITIATION OF CONSTRUCTION IN COLOMBIA, WHICH FHWA INDICATED WOULD BE FEASIBLE PRIOR TO END OF YEAR. ON THIS BASIS, AGENCIES INTEND TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT FULL CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING IN FY1975 REQUIRED FOR PLANNED CONSTRUCTION IN COLOMBIA, AND FHWA WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE GOC PUBLIC WORKS MINISTRY TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS PREPARATORY TO ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS ON FIRST HIGHWAY SECTIONS.

3. MEETING ALSO FOCUSSED ON THE PRINCIPAL SHORTCOMING IN COLOMBIAN FMD PROGRAM, NAMELY INDERENA'S FAILURE TO CONTROL INFLUX OF SETTLERS INTO THE PROPOSED LOS KATIOS NATIONAL PARK, AND ON WHAT ASSISTANCE U.S. COULD GIVE TO LIGHT FIRE UNDER INDERENA. TWO RECOMMENDATIONS EMERGED:

A. THAT AN EFFORT BE MADE AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL - POSSIBLY THROUGH A LETTER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE YEUTTER TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND/OR BY THE USDA SENIOR TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO THE GOC'S PROGRAM MANAGER-TO ASSIGN ONE MEMBER OF THE USDA ADVISORY TEAM DIRECTLY TO INDERENA TO ASSIST AND ADVISE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM. WE SEE THIS ADVISOR'S ROLE AS PRIMARILY TO HELP INDERENA OVERCOME ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS AND TO HELP COORDINATE INDERENA'S EFFORTS WITH THE OVERALL MANAGEMENT OF THE FMD PROGRAM BY ICA AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

B. THAT EMBASSY MAKE A STRONG EFFORT SOONEST AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN GOC TO OBTAIN PRESIDENT PASTRANA'S APPROVAL OF DECREE ESTABLISHING LOS KATIOS NATIONAL PARK (LETTER FROM USDA TO MINAG MENTIONED IN 3A. ABOVE COULD MAKE THE SAME POINT). ALTHOUGH INDERENA CLAIMED DURING THE FMD REVIEW THAT NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL PARK AS PUBLISHED IN THE DIARIO NACIONAL IN MAY, 1974, PROVIDES INDERENA THE NECESSARY AUTHORITY TO PREVENT SETTLEMENT IN THE PARK AND TO REMOVE SETTLERS ALREADY PRESENT, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT ABSENCE OF THE FINAL DECREE APPROPRIATELY SIGNED BY PRESIDENT PASTRANA MIGHT HAMPER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDERENA'S LEGAL ABILITY TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS. FAILURE OF PRESIDENT TO SIGN DECREE MAY ALSO BE INTERPRETED BY INDERENA AS REFLECTING LACK OF HIGH LEVEL GOC SUPPORT FOR THE PARK MEASURES CONTEMPLATED IN THE FMD AGREEMENT.

AT ANY RATE, WE CONSIDER IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT PRESENT ADMINISTRATION SIGN THE PARK DECREE, ESPECIALLY IF, AS SEEMS POSSIBLE, THERE MIGHT BE POLITICAL FALLOUT FROM

ITS ENFORCEMENT. SHOULD THE MATTER REMAIN UNRESOLVED UNTIL AFTER AUGUST 7, THE NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO REVIEW THE SUBJECT AND MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO FACE THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS WHICH REMOVAL OF SETTLERS FROM THE PARK WOULD ENTAIL.

4. IN ADDITION, ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE CHOCO RECOMMENDED BY THE SENIOR REVIEW GROUP (SRG) IS SEEN HERE AS VERY IMPORTANT TO ULTIMATE FMD PROGRAM SUCCESS. THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ALSO STRESSED THIS IN HIS MEETING WITH THE SRG. CONSEQUENTLY, USAID, IN COORDINATION WITH THE USDA ADVISORY TEAM, IS REQUESTED TO FORMULATE ON A PRIORITY BASIS AN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE CHOCO WITHIN EXISTING PROGRAMS - FOR EXAMPLE AS ONE OF THE 21 PILOT PROJECTS UNDER THE ONGOING AG SECTOR LOAN.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY VIEWS ON HOW BEST TO PROCEED WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 ARE REQUESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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